



Our Mission: To foster an environment of economic growth and opportunity through effective partnerships with our citizens, businesses, and visitors while maintaining a high standard for quality of life in a progressive community which embraces its heritage.

CITY OF OREGON

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To: Mayor Ken Williams & Oregon City Council

From: Darin J. DeHaan, City Manager & Staff

DATE: May 26, 2026

I am pleased to provide Mayor Williams and the Oregon City Council with the following synopsis of City Business for – **May 11, 2026 – May 22, 2026**

Submitted by Darin DeHaan - City Manager

- Peace Officers Memorial Day was May 15th. Thank you for those who serve and those who made the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of their communities.
- This month we celebrate Jeff Pennington for reaching his 15 year work anniversary with the City of Oregon. We appreciate Jeff's hard work in the water department over the past decade and ½!
- The city will be reviewing bids for summer road projects coming up soon. These include road resurfacing, sidewalks and slurry seal projects. Once bids are accepted by the city council we will push out construction details to the community.
- Working to coordinate city response to a few citizen concerns.
- Followed up on a few ordinance complaints.
- Worked on IDHA Multi-county housing approach. I am working to set a discussion meeting on the 29th for this.
- Responded to a few inquiries from other Ogle municipalities and other government entities.
- Working with the Ogle Co. Health Dept on a grant proposal they are working on.
- Coordinated with OCEDC on open downtown retail space including answering multiple questions for potential business owners.
- Continued coordination with a5 on this year's marketing campaign. They will be in town on 5/22/26 shooting video and taking photographs for the campaign.
- Continued work on potential TIF redevelopment agreements.
- Continued coordination with the 250th Anniversary Committee. Please see the city website for event details. We will be pushing out via social media soon.
- Follow up on several council member inquiries.
- Completed the draft budget for Exec review. Finalizing a few fund estimates then the budget will be presented to the Council/public for review.
- Website updates completed.

- The leadership team attended the Midwest Summit on Leadership in Dixon IL. Great presentations and leadership concepts were presented.
- Attended and helped coordinate the Planning Meeting, Tree Board Meeting, and the 250th Anniversary Committee meetings.
- I hope everyone has a safe and happy Memorial Day Weekend!

“As always I want to remind the community that I am always open to hearing your perspectives if there are things you feel need addressed. I’m available via phone, email, or you can always message me via facebook messenger from the City page. We work for you and your input and communication is vital for our success.” - Darin DeHaan

City Hall - Cheryl Hilton, City Clerk

MEETING INFORMATION

Sustainability Committee:

Next meeting Monday Jun 8, 2026 9:00 AM Oregon City Hall Conference Room.

City Council Meeting:

Next meeting Tuesday Jun 9, 2026 5:30 PM Oregon City Hall Council Chambers.

Planning & Zoning:

Next meeting Tuesday Jun 16, 2026 5:30 PM Oregon City Hall Council Chambers.

Tree Board:

Next meeting Wednesday Jul 22, 2026 4:00 PM Oregon City Hall Conference Room.

250th Anniversary of US Ad Hoc:

Next Meeting May 21, 2026 5:00 PM Oregon City Hall Conference Room.

Public Art Commission:

Next meeting TBD at Oregon City Hall Council Chambers.

Public Works

Director of Public Works Submitted by Bill Covell

Daily Tasks

- Help Schedule
- Approve Bills
- Purchased supplies
- Monthly Fuel Reports
- Safety Training

Projects

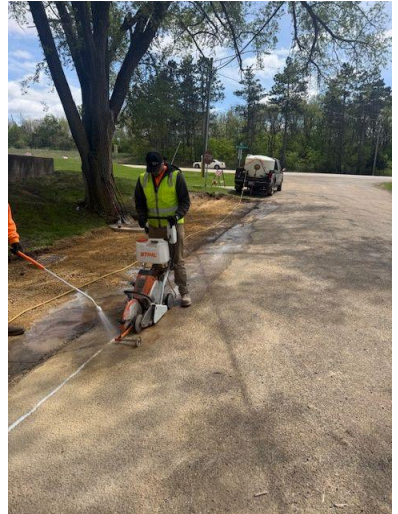
- Headworks
 - Review project estimate
 - Review plans for SCADA integration
- Lead Service Inventory
 - Updated Lead Line Inventory
- 2026 Local Road Projects
 - Century Hill Subdivision
- Check on quantities
- Review with engineer
- 2026 MFT Project
 - Reviewed engineers cost estimate
 - Added block on south 8th Street
 - City Hall Parking Lot
 - Street Garage Parking Lot
- Plan out drainage
- 2025 East Side Sidewalk
 - Followed up with Fehr Graham
- Pedestrian Crossing
 - Spoke with IDOT and IDOT will be staking locations for pedestals
- Assisted in help in Lena
- Helped install cameras a WWTP & Street Department
- Worked on Budgets
- Produced floor plan of building in town
- Helped with brush clean-up

Meetings

- Department Head
- Safety Meeting

Miscellaneous

- Worked on Fulcrum report



Street Department Submitted by Jordan Plock

A. Daily Tasks

- Trash pickup of city trash cans
- City mechanic working on daily maintenance tasks
- Crew has started the yearly mowing projects.

B. Projects

- Crew prepped and poured 100 ft of sidewalk on S 5th St.
- Crew planted 10 trees along Rt 64
- Crew hauled leaves from last years curbside pickup
- Crew repaired 3 catch basins that were damaged.
- Crew hung up the Downtown hanging flower baskets.
- Crew installed remaining Veterans banners around the Old County Courthouse.
- Crew assisted Water Dept on a water main break on S 1st St.



C. Training

- Street Foreman led safety classes on PPE.
- Worked on weekly safety training
- Foreman worked on continuing education classes
- Worked on updating our list of required OSHA training for the year.
- Street Foreman attended Midwest Summit on Leadership in Dixon IL

D. General

- Street Foreman attended the department head meeting.
- Street Foreman along with the Public Works Director held one interview for a summer help position.
- We have started running the street sweeper for the season.

Sewer Department Submitted by Scott Wallace

A. Daily tasks

- Daily chores
- Testing full set (process control/EPA Required Monitoring)
- Half testing (process control)

- Pumped Sludge
- Cleaned bar screens, netting of tanks, multiple times daily due to rags, debris
- Daily reporting of National Weather Service recordings
- Lift Station usage recording
- Assisted the Water Department
- Monthly reports to the EPA
- Generator/ Well checks
- Worked with various customers on water and sewer issues (leaks, sewer backups)

B. Head Works

- Nothing new at this time

C. Scada Upgrade

- Metro Cloud, still working on adding and adjusting features

D. Training

- Nothing new at this time

E. General

- Fire hosed South Clarifier
- Cleaned Chemical room
- Hauled Chlorine from wells to plant due to holiday schedule
- Finished up and turned in daily activity logs
- Scada improvements, every tuesday our programmer comes out and adds new updates
- Plants been running great! All of our tests have come back well below our limits!

Water Department Submitted by Jeff Pennington

A. Daily Tasks

- Chores
- Daily Testing
- Julie Locates
- Final reads
- Water turn-ons
- Water shut-offs
- Generator checks

B. Wells

- Repaired Chemical feed pump parts as needed
- Received Chemical delivery from Hawkins for process/control

- Ordered replacement parts for Chemical feed pumps

C. Meter Replacement Program

- Been scheduling and replacing meters as time allows

D. EPA compliance

- Completed Monthly Bac-t/ Fluoride sampling for Epa compliance
- Collected Lead and Copper sample for Homeowner at 808 Franklin St. Awaiting results.
- Completed Monthly Operating Reports for April 2026 Epa compliance.
- Working on collecting Information for a Special exemption permit for PFAS for the IEPA. Previously acquired testing done for USEPA may be able to be used. Working with IEPA and Laboratory to get that information submitted.



E. Training

- Worked with Aidan on properly filling out and submitting Monthly Epa paperwork.
- Worked with Metro cloud on new Scada software

F. General

- The department head is on Intermittent Family medical leave. Will continue to work with the Public Works Director to meet needs for EPA compliance and ensure the department is fulfilling tasks to operate properly.
- Assisted the Sewer department when needed
- Worked with customers on water leaks and sewer issues.
- Worked with customers on meter repairs, and replacement of meters.
- Started biannual hydrant flushing.

Police Department Submitted by Chief Matthew Kalnins

- On May 6, 2026 the Oregon Police Department and the Oregon School District 220 participated in the national walk and bike to school day. The event encourages students to build safe, healthy and active commuting habits while promoting better infrastructure for walking and biking to school. We had a great turn out for the event and the school provided each participant with a delicious treat.....donuts! Trophy's were handed out for the student that had the longest commute to school and the student that decorated their bike the best. Next year we hope to have an even larger turn out for the event.



- On May 6, 2026 Officer Taylor Buckwalter and Sgt. Eric Higby completed training in Blood Alcohol Operator (BAO) PBT - E and received their certification through the state of Illinois to be able to operate blood alcohol machines.
- On May 13, 2026 The Oregon Police Department and the Oregon Fire Protection District competed against the staff of the Oregon Elementary school in an intense game of Kick ball during the 2026 Family Fun Night. The Oregon first responders won the annual game in 2025 and were prepared to defend their title and the coveted Brechon Cup. Led by Principal Ryan Huels the teachers and staff took a quick 10+ lead in the first inning, kicking a few home runs. The first responders tried hard but just could not get past the teacher and staff's excellent defense. The teachers won 27 to 25 and took home the Brechon Cup.



- During the week of May 11 through May 15 2026, Detective Sergeant Kevin Most attended Basic Firearms Instructor Certification course. With Det/Sgt Most getting this certification he and Sgt. Higby will both be in charge of the firearms qualifications for the department and any firearms training done throughout the year.

